

The Burden of Tobacco in Sauk County

Population 57,119

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Smokers in Wisconsin and Sauk County

	Wisconsin		Sauk County	
	# of Smokers	Percent Smokers	# of Smokers	Percent Smokers
Total Number of Smokers	1,005,000		10,820	
Adult (18+) ^{1,2}	920,000	22%	9,710	22% [‡]
High School Youth ^{3,4}	66,000	21%	870	21%
Middle School Youth ^{3,4}	19,000	8%	240	8%
Smoking During Pregnancy ⁵	10,000	14%	152	20%

Deaths Directly Related to Smoking

Cause of Death ^{6,7}	Wisconsin		Sauk County		
	Average Annual Deaths	Due to Smoking	Average Annual Deaths	Due to Smoking	% Due to Smoking [†]
Lung Cancer	2,760	2,208	29	24	82%
Other Smoking-Related Cancers	2,066	719	20	7	36%
Cardiovascular Disease	16,412	2,342	197	32	16%
Respiratory Disease	3,416	1,946	43	20	47%
Other Causes (not associated with smoking)	21,619	0	222	0	0%
All Causes	46,273*	7,215*	511*	83*	16%

Years of Potential Life Lost

Cause of death ⁶	Wisconsin	Sauk County
Smoking-Related Cancers	43,000 years	460 years
Cardiovascular Disease	32,000 years	400 years
Respiratory Disease	21,000 years	210 years
All Causes	96,000 years	1,080 years*

[‡] Due to small sample sizes the following counties were grouped to establish prevalence estimates: Adams, Juneau, and Sauk.

[†] May not appear to be exact due to using decimals in the calculations.

* Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Note: Adult prevalence estimates from BRFSS, 2000-04; Youth estimates based on state level YTS, 2004; Maternal smoking estimates from WISH, 2004.

Note: Wisconsin and County Deaths Directly Related to Smoking and Years of Potential Life Lost are based on 2000-2004 mortality data.

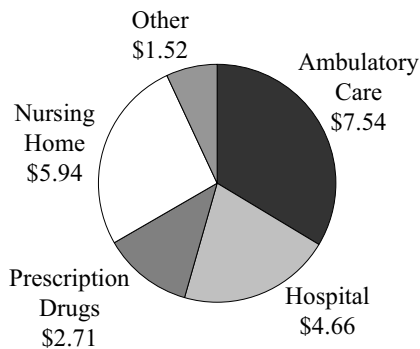
Note: See technical notes for a detailed description of the data sources and methodologies used to construct this report.

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Economic Impact of Cigarette Smoking in Wisconsin and Sauk County

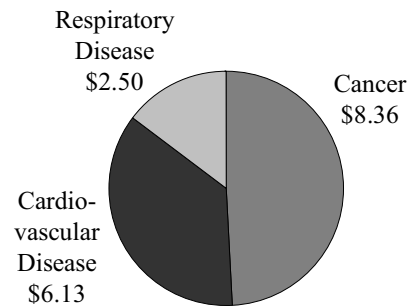
	Wisconsin	Sauk County
Health Care Costs ^{6,11}	\$2,160,000,000	\$22,360,000
Lost Productivity ⁶	\$1,640,000,000	\$16,990,000
Total Costs	\$3,800,000,000	\$39,350,000

Smoking Attributable Health Care Costs in Sauk County, 2003^{6,11}
(In millions of dollars)



Total: \$22.4 Million *

Cost of Productivity Lost Due to Smoking in Sauk County, 2001⁶
(In millions of dollars)



Total: \$17.0 Million *

- In Wisconsin, an estimated 7,215 people die annually from illnesses directly related to smoking and approximately 853 die from illnesses and fires indirectly related to smoking, for a total of 8,068 annual deaths.⁶⁻¹⁰
- Secondhand smoke is estimated to cause about 61 lung cancer deaths, 771 deaths from ischemic heart disease, and 9 infant deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Wisconsin annually. Household fires in Wisconsin caused by cigarettes kill an estimated 12 people annually.⁸⁻¹⁰
- In Sauk County, approximately 83 die annually of illnesses directly related to smoking.^{6,7}
- Each year, approximately 16% of all deaths in Sauk County are directly attributable to smoking. Cigarette smoking causes 82% of all lung cancer deaths and 16% of all deaths from cardiovascular disease in Sauk County.^{6,7}
- In Wisconsin, approximately 96,000 years were lost from the potential lifespan of those who died of smoking-related illnesses in 2004. In Sauk County, about 1,080 years are lost annually from the effects of smoking.⁶
- In 2003, an estimated \$2.2 billion in health care costs were paid in Wisconsin as a result of diseases caused by smoking, with \$22.4 million paid in Sauk County.^{6,11}
- Wisconsin lost \$1.6 billion, including \$17.0 million in Sauk County, in productivity costs because of illness and premature death directly associated with smoking in 2001.⁶
- In 2003, estimated health care costs of cigarette smoking were approximately \$390 for every man, woman and child in Sauk County.^{6,11}
- In 2004, there were over 384 million packs of cigarettes sold in Wisconsin. Residents of Sauk County spent approximately \$14.8 million on 3,880,000 packs of cigarettes in 2004.¹²